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Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 W Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE:

Federal Funding of 2013 Railroad Highway Crossing Array Agenda item #21, Docket# RR-00000E-13-0195 Open Meeting, Tuesday March 11th, 2014 Arizona Corporation Commission

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Dear Commissioner Brenda Burns,

I stated before the commission that ADOT receives an allotment of 2.34 million dollars annually to pay for Highway-Rail Safety (Section 130) Projects. A question was raised as to whether or not ADOT has lost any federal money due to the array being late.

ADOT has spent the entire yearly allotment of 2.34 million annually, and has completed the projects in the funding program for the last five years. No funds have been lost due to the yearly array being late. The link between the array and the federal funding (contained in the ADOT program) is not based on the same year. The array is the planning document used by all parties to move forward with the location assessments and agree on the final scope of work. Once these initial tasks are completed, then ADOT asks the FHWA for initial funding called Preliminary Engineering. Preliminary Engineering (PE) is what really begins the project and the Federal 10 year window on spending the money.

As an example-Dobson Rd, north of Broadway in Mesa;

- This project was on the 2008 Array
- Preliminary Engineering (PE) from FHWA was in 2009
- Funding to construct is in the fiscal 2013 ADOT Program
- Construction will begin in 2014 and be finished in 2015.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Respectfully

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